

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. The Examiner rejected claims 21-28 as being anticipated by Meng, and also indicated that Rosenthal may be relevant. The Examiner also rejected claims 22-23 and 25-26 as being indefinite.

Applicants do not agree that it would be obvious to connecting multiple single stage voltage multipliers like those of Meng and Rosenthal in series. That being said, Applicants have decided to accept the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. Rather than amending claim 29, claim 21 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 29, and claim 29 has been canceled. Applicants respectfully submit that the limitation of intervening claim 28 (i.e., the controller) is not required for allowance of amended claim 21. Thus, claim 28 has been retained as a dependent claim. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue additional subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

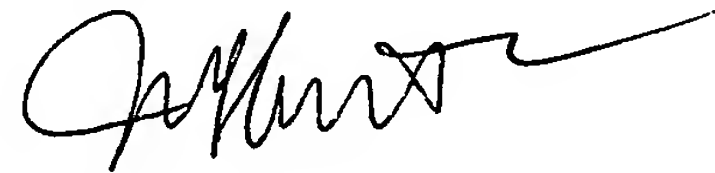
Claims 22-23 and 25-26 have been amended to address issues raised by the Examiner.

2. All pending claims are believed to be in a form suitable for allowance. Therefore, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Jeffrey T. Klayman, if it will assist further examination of this application.

3. The applicants do not believe any extension of time is required for timely consideration of this response. In the event that an extension has been overlooked, this conditional petition of extension is hereby submitted, and Applicants request that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

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